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THE GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIFF FAMILY

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PREFACE

At the close of the American Revolution many claims were made for a part or all of Tennessee. The French, the Spanish, and the English placed claims on exploration and attempts of settlement before the War. The English settlements dated back to the time of Sir Walter Raleigh. Some of the states made claims. This was especially true of North Carolina who claimed the entire territory.

The Federal Government claimed all territory east of the Mississippi River. At this time very few white people could or would live in Tennessee.The Indians claimed Tennessee on the basis of its being their ancient hunting ground. These Indians seemed to have amused themselves by fighting each other and by making certain that no white man entered the territory. After several years of discussion and definite legislative acts, these claims were all yielded to the Government.

Tennessee became a territory in 1790 and was made a state in 1796. North Carolina became a state about 1789 and this was probably the first boundary line between Carolina and East Tennessee. For several years the legal restrictions of the Federal Government and the war-like Indians made it well nigh impossible to settle in Tennessee. Finally all these difficulties were solved and settlers began to locate in Tennessee. For several years the immigration to Tennessee was very rapid. It was as if Tennessee had said "here is your future home, come and get it." The following from James McCallum's EARLY HISTORY OF GILES COUNTY may be considered as typical:

"Odem Hightower, father of Hardy Hightower, was one of the first settlers on Bradshaw Creek, and came either the latter part of 1807 or early in 1808. He raised corn in 1808, which was the first raised on the Creek."

"Hardy Hightower, John Kennedy, John Elliff, James McKnight, and Sam McKnight came the latter part of 1808 or early in 1809, and settled the places known by their names."
This John Elliff was my grandfather and was the first Elliff to settle in Giles County.

FOREWORD

This book is dedicated to Mrs. Harvey Elliff, D. Floyd Elliff, John Elliff, and D. H. Elliff, whose research and cooperation have made it possible.

JOSEPH D. ELLIFF

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What We Know About John O. Elliff and His Family

We know that he was 23 years old when he came to Tennessee. We know that he married and had two children - Clement H., born May 3, 1805 and Joseph, born August 26, 1806. He had two brothers, Everett and James. It is highly probable that he had two or three younger brothers but we are not quite sure of it. It seems impossible to reconcile the census of 1830 without saying that Abram was a son or a cousin of John. We know that some of the Elliffs went directly from North Carolina to Illinois. Within a short time after John's settlement in Giles County (we do not know the exact date), both his brother Everett and James came and settled in Giles County. These two brothers lived in Giles county for some time but about 1825 to 1830 they moved to Illinois and were the first family of Elliffs to settle in that State. For a full and interesting account of this period, see McCALLUM'S EARLY HISTORY of GILES COUNTY, TENNESSEE. This book can be obtained from Goodspeeds Book Shop, 18 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for $4.50, postpaid.

This now brings up the problem - not one problem, but three - the genealogy of John Elliff, the genealogy of James Elliff, and the genealogy of Everett Elliff. We will begin with the first.

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIFF FAMILY

Genealogy of the Elliff family with special study of the genealogy of John O. Elliff by Floyd Elliff, a great grandson of John O. Elliff, whose home is in Corpus Christi. Note: He has done a very fine piece of research. This is his first report. If later investigations and letters reveal additional data, it will be published as a supplement to this report.

September 18, 1950.

Dear Cousin J. D."

Since receiving your last letter June 29th, I have done a great deal of research on the Elliff genealogy and I realize I have been confused about some of the history but I do believe I have it straightened out now. To begin with, your grandfather, John Elliff, was my great-great grandfather. The information you sent me about him fits in with what I have found out about him and that was he did live in what is now Giles County, Tennessee. He was born in Giles County in 1786 and did marry an Annie Brittain. The list of names I sent you were their children. Here again are their names and births. Clement H., born May 4, 1805; Joseph P., born Aug. 26, 1806; Mary, born March 8, 1808; James B., born Jan. 12, 1810; Everad G., born July 4, 1811; Elizabeth, born Aug. 13, 1813; John Orless, born Sept 10, 1815; Thomas R., born Feb. 3, 1817; Contant, born Nov. 12, 1818; Charity, born March 17, 1820; George, born March 31. 1821; Orman, born Jan. 16, 1822; and Samuel A. born March 24, 1825. All these children were born in Giles County, Tenn. The book I referred you to Robertson's section of "Kinfolks" page 2590 records Everad G. as being born July 4, 1810 and that he was married to a Maria Ann Robertson. No date was given of their marriage but there were three of their children listed.

My great-grandfather John Orless Elliff, was a brother to your father Contant. John Orless, was married twice. The first time to a woman by the name (last) of Madry. This was how I became confused over the two John Elliffs. I thought my great-great grandfather and great grandfather were the same and I couldn't seem to fit the date 1786, that you gave me. It's clear to me now, thanks to my Aunt, Mrs. J. J. Elliff. I didn't know there were two Johns! After the death of John Orless' first wife he remarried but as yet I haven't been able to get any information concerning the second wife's first or last name, but I do know there were six children of this second marriage. We have no record of their names or birthdates. I have often been told that one of the reasons my grandfather Josiah left his home in Tennessee was because of his father remarrying. The Aunt I spoke of a little while ago has in her possession a letter written to my grandfather Josiah from his Uncle Richard Madry. This uncle was living in Lincoln County, Tennessee, at the time he wrote this letter, was back in 1875. In this letter to Grandfather Josiah, great uncle Richard Madry describes the poverty my great grandfather John Orless and his second wife and children were in. Upon hearing this my grandfather Josiah sent some beef to Richard Madry to give to great grandfather and family. This letter says there were six children but as I mentioned before, we don't know their names. My grandfather Josiah only had three brothers, Tom, Taylor, and Jim.

I mentioned why my grandfather Josiah ran away from home so this brings us up to the time he came to Texas with an Uncle Joe Madry. This information I am passing on to you is taken from a Robstown, Texas, newspaper written two years ago. The headlines read: "Elliff Once Proud Mansion Remains Banquete Landmark" Ten Room House built in 1880, still sturdy.

A lad in his late teens hunched forward on his horse as he slowly rode up to the headquarters of the vast Robb Ranch. Tired, dusty, and disheveled he gazed slowly at the sight before his eyes. As he reigned up his mount before the hitching post he shifted in his saddle and asked one of the cowboys standing nearby if this was the Robb Ranch. "Sure is, stranger," answered a wind burned cowpoke with a smile, "If you're looking for the boss, you can find him over at the well," he added.

With that the lad slipped silently to the ground, stretching his weary body and said with a smile, "thanks." Approximately forty years later the lad died only a few miles from this spot, but when he died he wasn't a stranger anymore. Instead, he was one of the largest landowners in this section of the country.

That was the beginning of what historians know of Si (Josiah) Elliff. Today as speeding motorists travel the road from Robstown to Alice they see about the only landmark that reminds oldtimers of Si Elliff. Located about one mile southwest of the town of Banquete, which lies between Robstown and Alice, is an old, unpainted three story mansion-like house that causes people to wonder what the house may be and the story behind it.

To start from the beginning, you find Si as a boy in his late teens traveling all the way from Tennessee to Robb, Texas, on a horse. Hardly anyone ever knew why he came to Texas and if he had any relatives in Tennessee. All they knew was that he came from the Volunteer State.

He hooked on with Frank Robb's ranch as a cowhand earning $10.00 a month for work as a cowpuncher. And that was considered quite a few greenbacks for one month's work in those days. It only took him a short time to become acclimated to the Ranch work. But before he could start out on his own, which was his dream even before he came to Texas, war clouds were gathering, and in 1861 he left for the war between the States. Fighting four years over most of the Southern States, he was wounded by a bullet through his chest, but a strong constitution soon put Si back in good health so he could return to his home.

Upon his return he worked again for Robb's Ranch and later went to work with the Simmons-Perry Ranch. Finally he decided it was hightime he got started on his own. He started out with only several hundred acres and with sheep as his main stock in trade. In those days many of the ranchers got their start on sheep, shifting over to cattle after they had made their first profit. Eventually the sheep were bothered with diseases that the ranchers were unfamiliar with, so it was only natural for them to switch over to Longhorn cattle. But here is where Si was different. Instead of the Longhorn cattle he had started importing the black Angus breed. It was the first time the black low built

stocky breed had ever been brought into Texas. Old timers said it was a mistake since they weren't sturdy enough to withstand the heat and poor grazing that was encountered. It was with great pride that he exhibited his large herds of solid black cattle to his friends. Today the Longhorns are gone and it is not uncommon to see the Angus cattle.

By constant vigil and hard work Si built up his herd. All the time he kept buying more land as it became available as he increased his bank deposits. When he died July 3, 1900, he had amassed a ranch with over 50,000 acres and between two and three thousand Black Angus cattle.

After he had returned from the Civil War he had married Miss Lois Allsup, who came to Texas from Mississippi seeking the adventure it promised. After their marriage in 1866 the family started growing. In all there were three boys and four girls born to this union. With a growing family he decided he should build a house that could accomodate his family. In 1880 he built the house which, with later changes, now stands one half mile southwest of Banquete. Prior to that he had lived about a mile on the south side of Agua Dulce Creek, which flows immediately to the rear of the present house.

Many times Mrs. Si Elliff related to her grandchildren how Indians used to run mustangs only a few miles from their home. But the Indians never did bother them. In those times the country in that sector was clear of brush with a few trees around the creeks being the only thing that blotted the landscape.

The house was a rambling two-story affair. In 1908 Si's son J.J., moved to the old homestead and had the house remodeled. In remodeling the home he added to it, making the house three stories high. Five fireplaces were in the house. The fireplace in the upstairs rooms were walled in, since Mrs. J.J. Elliff was afraid some of the children would burn up the house by kindling big fires. The fireplace in the living room is four feet wide. It was built wide enough to handle cord wood, since Si Elliff didn't want to cut up cord wood anymore in order for it to be put into the fire.

A young Swede from Corpus Christi was doing the painting on the house when he informed Mrs. J.J. Elliff that he could also paint murals. Having a liking for such work, she agreed to let him paint some murals in the huge dining room. With that A.E. Christofferson, the young painting Swede, set to work. When he had finished ten murals were on the wall and still retain their vividness. Christofferson had never aspired to be a painter, since he had to make his living painting. But when the chance presented itself he took advantage of his talents. At one time the murals were valued at $10,000. In the opinion of the hundreds who have seen the murals, two stand out above the rest. One is a painting of the house immediately after it had been remodeled in 1908. The other shows a cowboy driving cattle in snow and sleet. The other murals depict various scenes, ranging from a seacoast town to a pair of monks standing by a monastery. Only a few days after Christofferson had finished the murals he ended his life by wrapping weights to his legs and jumping off the central wharf in Corpus Christi, oldtimers state.

When remodeled the impressive structure had ten rooms. In one of the bathrooms a wash basin still stands that was installed when the house was built in 1880. It was one of the first models of the wash bowls and shows a crack for its many years of service.

The unique point about the house is that no person has ever died within its rooms. Si Elliff had just left the house and started to the garden to get some roasting ears of corn when he died. A special train from Corpus Christi brought out a doctor after he was found dead sitting on a box under a tree. Mrs. J.J. Elliff's uncle, J.D. Bernard, came from Corpus Christi and had Si's body prepared by the time the undertaker arrived.

Four weddings have taken place in the spacious home since it was built. Of the four one was the double wedding of Zilla Elliff to Thomas Ragland and Corrine Bernard to J.J. Eliff October 28, 1891. The second and third weddings to take place were Georgia Elliff to Ross Peters November 24, 1879 and Mary Susan Elliff to Fred Bitterman November 24, 1895.

Si Elliff was a rugged individualist who knew what he wanted and had the determination to get what he wanted. The story is told of the time when he and Nick Bluntzer went up to San Antonio to attend a ranchers convention. When they arrived at the hotel the clerk asked them to register. Bluntzer signed his name and stepped back to let Si initial his name. But Si had never bothered with reading and writing. With a quick motion he wrote the number "44" on the register. The clerk looked at it and asked if that was his name. "You're durn right it is!" thundered Elliff. With that the clerk meekly acknowledged his declaration and went about his business in a perplexed state of mind. You see, "44" was the brand of Si's ranch, and since he couldn't read or write he merely affixed his number to all documents when something needed his signature. My aunt, Mrs. Fred Bitterman, says this is true, her father couldn't read and write but he did learn to write his name.

After Si's death the ranch was split up among his heirs. In 1920 the house and the 404 acre tract it stands on was sold to Dr. C.F. Winfield of Alice. Dr. Winfield purchased the land and house for $125.00 an acre which up to that time was the highest price paid for land in this section of the country.

Time and elements of nature have changed the house from a once impressive structure to its present status. When people look at the house they hardly realize the story behind it. Many tales will never be told about this mansion-like home. It's a house with an interesting past. G.O. Elliff, who is the son of J.J. Elliff and who lives one mile west of Banquete, said the house has changed a lot since he lived in it. And most early settlers will agree with him readily. Josiah Elliff, born Jan. 6, 1840. Josiah married Lois S. Allsup about 1865, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Pulaski, Giles County Tennessee

Son of John Orless Elliff and .....Madry

Their children:

Sarah Elliff, born June 11, 1867, Banquete, Mercer Cy, Texas, died Oct. 25, 1869, infant

Jonh J. Elliff, born May 19, 1869, Banquete, Mercer Cy, Texas, died Feb. 24, 1926
Zilla Euphrasia Elliff, born Oct. 30, 1871, Banquete, Texas, died June 15, 1948
Mary Susan Elliff, born Sept. 27, 1874, Banquete, Texas
Joseph Auten Elliff, born Feb. 13, 1876, Banquete, Texas, died Jan. 1, 1936 (My father)
Georgia Anna Elliff, born Nov. 24, 1879, Banquete, Texas
Fred Frank Elliff, born Sept. 29, 1882, Mercer Cy, Texas, died.....1912

John J. Elliff married Corrine Justine Bernard, October 28, 1891, Banquete, Tex.
Their children:
J. Garland Elliff, born Dec. 20, 1893, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas
Gerald O. Elliff, born Oct. 20, 1895, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas
Joe Si Elliff, born Oct. 9, 1898, Banquete, Mercer, Texas
Justin B. Elliff, born Aug. 11, 1902, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas
Fred T. Elliff, born Oct. 22, 1906, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas

Zilla Euphrasia Elliff married Thomas Ragland, Oct. 28, 1891, Banquete, Texas.
Their children:
Samuel Elliff Ragland, born April 20, 1894, Alice, Texas. Died.....1949
Willie Bell Ragland, born Jan. 10, 1898, Alice, Texas
Mary Lois Ragland, born Oct. 4, 1906, Alice, Texas
Zilla Kate Ragland, born Feb. 5, 1911, Alice, Texas

Mary Susan Elliff, married Fred D. Bitterman, Nov. 24, 1895, Banquete, Texas
Their children:
Thelma Bitterman, born Nov. 16, 1896, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas
Lois Bitterman, born Sept. 10, 1898, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas, died June 9, 1941
Georgia Bitterman, born Oct. 11, 1900, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas
Marie Bitterman, born Dec. 2, 1902, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas
Fred Daniel Bitterman, born Jan. 7, 1907, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas
Baby Boy Bitterman, born Dec. 17, 1918, Orange Grove, Texas, died Dec. 17, 1918

(This is a copy of Grandfather Josiah's children and their children)

My father....Joseph Auten Elliff, married Marie Antoinette Acebo, July 2, 1900, Corpus Christi, Texas
Their children:
Josiah Elliff, born Sept. 16, 1900, Corpus Christi, Mercer Cy, Texas, died March 25, 1916
Raymond Douglass Elliff, born Aug. 18, 1903, Corpus Christi, Texas
Wm. Leo Elliff, born Sept. 2, 1905, Corpus Christi, Texas
Benjamin Francis Elliff, born Oct. 10, 1910, Corpus Christi, Texas
Dennis Floyd Elliff, born April 2, 1914, Corpus Christi, Texas

Georgia Anna Elliff married Stephen Ross Peters, Jan. 28, 1903, Alice, Texas
Their children:
Percy Joshua Peters, born May 7, 1904, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas, died Jan. 26, 1907
Gladys Leota Peters, born Oct. 17, 1907, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas
Corine Elliff Peters, born Feb. 10, 1912, Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas

Fred Frank Elliff married Mabel Toplin about 1908:
Their children:

Charles Culberson Elliff, born Sept. 28, 1909, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas
Frank William Elliff, born Nov. 4, 1911, Banquete, Mercer County, Texas, died August 1947

P. S.

I hope this will help you get your manuscript finished. I'm sorry I wasn't able to answer sooner but I haven't been able to now that I am working six days a week. I would appreciate your sending me the dates of your grandfather John's birth, marriage, and death. The same for his wife and their children.

I'm planning on having a photostatic copy made of those murals in my grandfather's house, grandfather and grandmother's marriage certificate and I'll send a copy of each to you.

Also, I'm placing enclosed a copy of the poem that is written on Grandfather's (Josiah) tombstone. I believe I sent you a picture of his grave.

GENEALOGY OF CLEMENT ELLIFF

Compiled by John Elliff in 1952

After talks with John Elliff and Sam Elliff, both sons of Clement Elliff, and also recent talks with Clement's grandsons, George, Dave, Bert, and Neal Elliff, I have gathered the following information:

1. CLEMENT H. ELLIFF, eldest son of John and Annie Britian Elliff, was born in Giles County, Tennessee, May 4, 1805. He married Mary Walker. To this union were born nine children. All of whom are now dead. His children were Norris, Sam, John, Benjamin, William, George, Mary, Elizabeth, and Ann.

2. NORRIS was born 1835 and died 1917. He moved from Tennessee to Kaufman County, Texas, in 1854. After living there only a few years, he moved to Clay County, Texas, where he lived until his death in 1917. He was the father of fourteen children. Their names are Jim, Dan, Henry, Lee, John, Nannie, Hannah, Maggie, Mary, Fannie, Bell, Susie, Lela, and Ethel.

(3) Jim married but has no children
(3) Dan has two boys, Herbert and Chester, and two girls, Did not learn their names
(3) Henry died a single man
(3) Lee died in early life
(3) John married but had no children. He lives in San Benito, Texas
(3) Nannie married a man by the name of Wyeth
(3) Maggie married a Bob Hawkins
(3) Mary married Art Rodden
(3) Fannie married Tom Stith
(3) Bell married a man by the name of Casebeer
(3) Susie married George Stratin
(3) Lela is single
(3) W.A. is the father of one child, a girl named Eva
(3) Maggie died in early life

(2) BENJAMIN was born 1849 and died 1920. He came to Kaufman County, Texas, in 1878 and later moved to Clay County, Texas, where he lived for a few years. He later moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 1909 where he settled in San Benito, Texas. That is where he died. He was the father of four children. Their names are John Neal, Liza Ann, and Susie.

(3) John is a bachelor and lives in San Benito, Texas
(3) Neal was born 1880. He is married, has one child - dead
(3) Lize Ann was born 1870. Married a man by the name of Davis. They have five children. Their names are Jesse, John, Clarence, Ruth, and Bessie.
(3) Susie was born 1874. Had one child, a girl.

(2) WILLIAM was a Union Soldier and was killed during the Civil War.
(2) GEORGE died in early life.
(2) MARY married a man by the name of Ritter. They had three children. Names are Liza Ann, Seldie, Marion, and Josephine. They lived in Stone County, Missouri.

(2) ELIZABETH married a man by the name of Cobel. They had five children, Norris, Donald, Jane, Liza and Louette. They lived in Ozark County, Missouri.

(2) ANN lived to be an old maid and died in the Valley.

GENEALOGY of CLEMENT H. ELLIFF

1804 to 1956

Clement H. Elliff, a farmer and oldet son of John O. Elliff, Sr. and Annie Brittain Elliff, born in East Tennessee on May 4, 1805, and about 1808 the John Elliff's moved to Giles County, Tennessee. Clement H. grew up, married and all his ten children were born in Giles County. After 1860 he moved to McNairy County, Tennessee. Lived there until 1882 when he moved to Kaufman County, Texas. Lived there 2 years and moved to Clay County, where he died in 1885. Clement H. married Mary Hannah Walker about 1828.

(1) Eliza Elliff
(1) Josiah Elliff
(1) Ananias Oliver Elliff
(1) Mary Elizabeth Elliff
(1) James William Elliff
(1) Margaret Ann Elliff
(1) Samuel Wesley Elliff
(1) John Phillip Elliff
(1) Benjamin Franklin Elliff
(1) Richard T. Elliff, 10 years old in 1860 census. No other data.
(1) Eliza Elliff, born 1829, eldest child of Clement H. married a man, name of Coble about 1860.

(2) Daniel
(2) Jane
(2) Liza
(2) Louette
(2) Ananias who was deaf and dumb from boyhood. Lived to be 90 years old. Never married.

(1) Josiah Elliff was 28 years old in 1860 census. No other record.
(1) James William Elliff, born 1838 and was killed in Civil War.
(1) Margaret Ann Elliff, born 1840. Never married. Died at age 86 in San Benito, Texas.
(1) Ananias Oliver Elliff, born Jan. 16, 1834, Giles County, Tennessee. He married Mary Eliabeth Horn on Nov. 19, 1865. She was the daughter of David and Eliza Jane (Caldwell) Horn. She was born March 4, 1849. Falcon, Mc Nairy County, Tennessee.

Ananias O. died Aug. 22, 1913. Mary E. died April 1, 1937. Both died at Tulia, Texas. He served 2 years as a Union Soldier in the Civil War. When a young man he moved to McNairy County, Tennessee. lived there until 1882, moving, with his family to Clay County, Texas. Lived there until 1902, when they moved to Tulia, Swisher County, Texas.

(2) Thomas Henry Elliff, born August 27, 1863, by a former marriage, Died January 7, 1929, at Tulia.

(2) Nancy Elizabeth Elliff, born May 8, 1867. see other pages.
(2) James David Elliff, born October 4, 1868. Married Icie Nora Arney of Pulaski, Tennessee, January 4, 1915. She died October 5, 1935. J.D. died September 11, 1950. No children.
(2) George W. Elliff, born July 8, 1870, died October 16, 1871.
(2) Hannah Jane Elliff. Note other pages.
(2) Daniel Hodges Elliff. Note other pages.
(2) Margaret Ann Elliff. Note other pages.
(2) Eliza Belle Elliff. Note other pages.
(2) Mary Magdalene Elliff. Note other pages
(2) Frances Elliff, born December 14, 1881, Died April 28, 1918. Married Thomas M. Stith in 1904.
(3) Erman Lee Stith, born January 25, 1909. Married Estelle Morgan.
(2) Susie Esther Elliff. See another page.
(2) Lee Alexander Elliff, born November 24, 1887. Died September 5, 1908.
(2) John Elliff, born December 12, 1891. Married Mary A. Thacker at San Benito, Texas,where they now reside.
(2) Lela Mae Elliff, born May 28, 1894. Single. Lives in Lubbock, Texas
(2) Ola Ethel Elliff, born Aug. 18, 1897. Single. Lives in Lubbock, Texas.
(2) Nancy Elizabeth Elliff born McNairy County, Tennessee, May 8, 1867. Came to Terrell, Texas, with parents in 1882. Married Jan. 1, 1887, to Albert Douglas Elkins, a farmer, and cattleman, Tulia, Texas. Douglas died November, 1911. Nancy E. died October 22, 1938.
(3) Ira Edwin Elkins born Clay County, Texas, October 30, 1887. A farmer. Never married.
(3) Hattie Zora Elkins born Clay County, Texas, July 1, 1889. Married Harry Kritzmire September 29, 1913, in Amarillo. Hattie died May 31, 1938.
(4) Ruth Euflema, born August 17, 1915. Married Troy Ohl, December 12, 1952. La Fayette, Indiana.
(3) Emmett O. Elkins, born Swisher County, April 29, 1893. Retired farmer. Lives in Tulia.
(3) Baby infant born Swisher County, December 25, 1894. Died Jan. 9, 1896.
(3) Leota W. Elkins, bachelor, War veteran, born December 1, 1895. Died May 9, 1948.
(3) Buddy Elkins, born August 1, 1898. Died February 17, 1900,
(3) Coy Leroy Elkins, born June 8, 1900. Married Virgie Brock, June 8, 1930. She died October 3, 1935. Coy married Verdia Amerson February 14, 1942.
(4) Zelma Naomi Elkins, born February 7, 1935. Married Jack Rogers Beckham, December 25, 1954.
(3) Ernest V. Elkins, born December 24, 1902, Swisher County. Married Inez Pitman, February 14, 1925.
(4) Roland Elkins, born November 14, 1925. Died December 16, 1947.
(4) Iris LaNelle Elkins, born February 21, 1927, Tulia. Married Roy Montague, November 20, 1948.

(5) Roland Clyde Montague, born September 18, 1949.
(5) Carron Anette Montague, born March 23, 1951.
(5) Janette Lynn Montague, born February 25, 1952.
(5) Paula Wynone Montague, born February 8, 1954.

(3) Emory E. Elkins, a farmer in Swisher County, born September 19, 1904, married Alice Lee Adkins, March 7, 1927.

(4) Olen George Elkins born February 28, 1928,) Single
) Twins
(4) Oleta Joyce Elkins born February 28, 1928,) Oleta married Ashel Richardson September 3, 1949.
(5) Michael Ashel Richardson born June 23, 1950.
(5) Margaret Alice Richardson born August 27, 1952.

(4) Doris Iola Elkins born October 4, 1929, single. Is a homemaking Teacher.

(3) Eula Euflema Elkins born August 31, 1907, married Cephus Morgan Flowers, October 7, 1924.

(4) Gilford Elric Flowers born September 1, 1925, married Gertrude Langston, September 7, 1949, Tulia, Texas
(5) Roland Morgan Flowers born September 19, 1950.
(5) Douglas Ray Flowers born February 12, 1953.
(5) Roger Dale Flowers born July 7, 1955.

(4) Nedra Delta Flowers born July 31, 1928. Died March 31, 1944.

(4) Jarus Lawrence Flowers born November 15, 1935, married La Trella King, August 24, 1956, Tulia, Texas.

(2) Hannah Jane Elliff born August 23, 1872, in McNairy County, Tenn. Come to Texas with family in 1882. In 1892 she married Moses A. Wyatt, a farmer. She died August 2, 1902. Wyatt died about 1936.

(3) Margaret Elizabeth Wyatt born April 4, 1893, in Cook County, Texas. Married George W. Wood about 1911. Wood died February 9, 1952.

(4) John Henry Wood born February 17, 1912, married Illa Roy.
(5) John Wayne Wood born October 3, 1940.
(5) Carrol Lee Wood born in 1947.

(4) Ruby May Wood born February 27, 1914, married Hershel Thompson.
(5) Donnie John Thompson born April 10, 1947.

(4) Artie Lee Wood born April 12, 1916, married Georgia Phipps.
(5) Ama Sue Wood born March 17, 1948.

(4) William Tarpley Wood born August 28, 1918, married.
(5) Ann Wood born January 21, 1942.
(5) Tarpley Allen Wood born March 3, 1945.
(5) Nina Wood born January 9, 1948.

(4) Larie Fay Wood born April 10, 1922. Married Park Taylor.
(5) Nancy Taylor born May 3, 1952.
(5) Farris Glen Taylor born August 20, 1955.

(4) Vernon Alford Wood born March 26, 1924. Married Eileen Phillips.
(5) Sherrol Wood born December 22, 1949,

(5) Susan Wood born December 1, 1954.
(4) Dupree Augusta Wood born August 4, 1929. Married a Mr. Linsteadt.
(5) Katherine Evans Linsteadt born May 7, 1946.
(5) Dale Linsteadt
(5) E. C. Linsteadt born December 20, 1949.
(3) Minnie Belle Wyatt born October 15, 1894 in Cook County, Texas. Married Emmitt L. Deering June 1, 1913.
(4) Floyd Wayne Deering born June 19, 1914. Married Olive Durham in 1936.
(5) Dorothy Deering born 1939.
(5) Joyce Deering born 1941.
(4) William Levy Deering born March 14, 1916. Married Mary Jo Durham in 1947.
(5) Bobby Gene born 1948
(5) Carloyn born 1952.
(5) Sella born 1954.
(4) Jessie Lee Deering born May 9, 1918.
(4) Johnnie Buford Deering born January 9, 1920. Married Connie Johnston in 1941.
(5) Panlent Deering born 1944.
Johnnie Deering second marriage to Lillie Mae Jackson.
(5) Tommy Deering born 1951.
(4) Eula Mae Deering born February 17, 1922, married Clarence Curnutte December 24, 1938.
(5) Helen Ruth Curnutte born July 9, 1941.
(4) Oda Pearl Deering born September 23, 1925, married Robert Hill in 1944.
(5) Doris Lavern Hill born in 1947.
(3) Lillie Pearl Wyatt born November 20, 1897,married Wash Dillion.
(4) Lottie Dillion born September 23, 1916, married Charley Winchester about 1934.
(5) Nellie Pearl Winchester born May 29, 1936, married Eddie Collins
(6) Gery Lee Collins born February 8, 1955.
(5) Charles Ray Winchester born July 22, 1938.
(5) David Winchester born July 24, 1942.
(5) Ethel Fay Winchester born August 10, 1944.
(3) Lillie (Wyatt) Dillion - second marriage to Nathan Whitt.
(4) Dorothy Lee Whitt born November 23, 1921, married Junior Hunter.
(5) Edward Hunter born July 1, 1942.
(5 Wanda Love Hunter born October 25. 1944.
(5) Donald Hunter born December 25, 1949.
(4) Lillian Pearl Whitt - married Jack Tuggle.
(5) Brenda Sue Tuggle born February 15, 1945.
(5) Ricky Joe Tuggle born May 10, 1952.

(3) Hobson A. Wyatt born in 1901 in Cook County, Texas, married Mrs. Olivia Nowlin. They have no children. Living in Ft. Worth, Texas.

(2) Daniel Hodges Elliff, born McNairy County, Tennessee, May 16, 1874. Came to Texas with parents in 1882. Lived in Kaufman County one year. Moved to Clay County 1883. Lived there until 1902 when he moved to Tulia, Texas. He married Cordelia May Rodden of Clay County in 1905 and has lived at Tulia continuously since.

(3) Alma Lorene Elliff born June 12, 1906, at Tulia Texas. married George Warren Orr, on November 8, 1926.

(4) Cherie Lorene Orr born December 9, 1927. Married Daniel Duncan McCowen January 2, 1945.

(5) Michael Warren McCowen born November 11, 1946.

(5) Patricia Ruth McCowen born April 1, 1948.

(4) George Warren Orr, Jr. born September 15, 1929. Married Jo Marie Crowder May 17, 1952.

(5) Ricky Del Orr born May 8, 1953.

(5) Shana Kaye Orr born August 24, 1956.

(4) Arthur Allen Orr born July 1, 1932. Was in U. S. Service and is attending college.

(4) Donna Kaye Orr born July 18, 1936. Married Robert W. White December 26, 1950.

(5) James Allen White born April 4, 1955.

(3) Hobert Donald Elliff born July 9, 1908, Tulia, Texas. Married Gladys Bailey of Jones County in 1929.

(4) Joyce La Ree Elliff born September 7, 1930. Married Henry LaRussa in 1950.

(5) Lynda Joyce LaRussa born December 7, 1951.

(5) Barbara Ann LaRussa born May 26, 1954.

(4) Hobert Donald Elliff, Jr. born March 6, 1932.

(3)Hobert's second marriage was to Dorothy Cobb Nov. 8, 1937.

(4) Tommy Dean Elliff born September 17, 1938.

(3) John Chester Elliff born May 27, 1913. Farmer and nationally known breeder of registered Jerseys. Chester married Mary Victory Harman on October 19, 1936, born November 11, 1918.

(4) John Harman Elliff born March 26, 1938.

(4) Mary Catherine Elliff born August 27, 1940.

(4) Victory Sue Elliff born November 18, 1943.

(4) Geneva Lorene Elliff born December 20, 1944.

(4) Dana Jane Elliff born October 13, 1946.

(4) Gary Paul Elliff born July 30, 1950.

(4) Rebecca Kaye Elliff born July 12, 1953.

(3) Ethel Geneva Lois Elliff born August 18, 1916, Tulia. Married Adrian Dean Harman, a prosperous farmer of Swisher County, June 24, 1938.

(4) Terrance Gaylord Harman born July 6, 1939.

(4) Judith Rochelle Harman born April 7, 1942.

(4) Bunny Bea Harman born March 17, 1949.
(4) Jimmy Dean Harman born October 1, 1951.
(4) David Randall Harman born February 25, 1955.

(2) Margaret Ann Elliff born June 11, 1876, Mc Nairy County, Tennessee, married Robert F. Hawkins Ootober 27, 1894, Newport, Texas. He was born October 18, 1868. He died August 6, 1952. Margaret died November 1, 1935, at Flomot, Texas.

(3) Frankie Lavada Hawkins born July 23, 1896. Single.

(3) Ollie Hawkins born July 28, 1899, married Harve Wimpee, November 29, 1915. Lives in Matador, Texas.

(4) Willie May Wimpee born December 11, 1916, married Homer Walker, now deceased.

(5) Winfred Lee Walker born November 16, 1937.
(5) Doyle Edward Walker born December 19, 1940.
(5) Dorman Walker born October 12, 1944.

(4) Willie May later married Doyle Barham February 25, 1950.

(5) Max Clytus Barham born November 21, 1953.

(3) W. Lee Hawkins born February 12, 1904, married Lillian..... April 19, 1941.

(3) Lola Hawkins born May 20, 1908, married Dennis Cloyd, September 23, 1923, at Flomot, Texas-

(4) Norris T. Cloyd born February 28, 1925, married Waldeen Reed, October 30, 1948.

(5) Michael N. Cloyd born August 15, 1949.
(5) Diane Cloyd born September 21, 1951.
(5) Randy Cloyd born December 30, 1954.

(4) Keith C. Cloyd born December 18, 1926.

(4) Joyce L. Cloyd born Marcch 21, 1928, married Art Gruner July 15, 1950

(3) Lola later married Leo Ray February 1, 1948.

(3) Emmett O. Hawkins born March 10, 1912, married Helen Jackson August 24, 1945.

(4) Keith Lee Hawkins born June 29, 1947.

Step daughter Bettie Gean Ramsey born December 31, 1937.

(3) Ottis John Hawkins born September 28, 1915, married

(4) Claudeen Hawkins born August 13, 1937. She is married, but no other data.

(3) Infant daughter born February 25, 1906, died March 31, 1906.

(2) Eliza Belle Elliff born McNairy County, Tennessee, January 19, 1878. Married William Printiss Casebeer, born in Ohio January 7, 1874, he died May 2, 1924. They were married September 6, 1906, Tulia, Texas.

(3) Mary Ann Casebeer born July 26, 1907, married William Ernest Evans September 18, 1929, he was born June 29, 1902, died August 8, 1954.

(4) Martha Belle Evans born April 10, 1930, married Roy William Rushing, May 12, 1949, born January 30, 1927.

(5) Donna Rae Rushing born April 2, 1950.

(5) Jim Royce Rushing born July 17, 1951.
(4) Joyce Prentice Evans born July 20, 1931, married Earl McGee Lauderdale June 22, 1950.
(5) Dwayne Robert Lauderdale born March 10, 1951.
(5) George Phillip Lauderdale born August 6, 1952.
(5) Earl Wilson Lauderdale born September 19, 1954.
(4) Monna Zoe Evans born September 15, 1932, married R.P. Cody January 21, 1951.
(5) Peggy Diane Cody born February 26, 1955.
(4) William Nathan Evans born December 19, 1936. Enlisted in army January 28, 1955.
(4) Norman Howard Evans born May 8, 1941.
(3) Bessie Catherine Casebeer born August 25, 1910, married Kenneth Edward Griffith October 20, 1946. No children.
(2) Mary Magdalene Elliff born September 2, 1879, McNairy County, Tenn. Married Arthur Wesley Rodden, Clay County, Texas, in 1895.
(3) Zora Rodden born August 1, 1897, married Riley Cooper.
(4) Lewis Cooper Married Deloris.....
(4) Floyd Cooper married Dorothy.....
(4) Mary Evelyn Cooper married Ben Burson.
(5) One boy.
(5) One girl.
(3) Elber A. Rodden born November 8, 1898, married Edna Jackson about 1930.
(4) Fernie Marie Rodden born July 20, 1931.
(3) James A. Rodden born May 9, 1901, married Gladys.....
(3) Ralph Raymond Rodden born 1903. Single.
(3) Charles Wesley Rodden born October 5, 1905, married Ouida Hyatt in 1941. Tulia.
(4) Eldon Wesley Rodden born May 8, 1943.
(4) Lila Faye Rodden born September 27, 1948.
(3) Ervin Rodden born September 6, 1907. Single.
(3) Oda Rodden born October 28, 1909, married Curtis Sims. He is deceased
(4) Billy F. Sims born January 29, 1931, married Mary Nell Caldwell.
(5) Billy Floyd Sims, Jr. born October 21, 1955.
(4) Bettye Sims born January 16, 1933, married Arnold Schuster.
(5) Carla Ann Schuster.
(4) Bobby Sims born September 3, 1934. U.S. Service 1955.
(4) Geneva Sims born July 18, 1935.
(4) Shirley Sims born August 10, 1937, married A. C. Stout.
(4) John Sims born July 16, 1939, Houston Texas.
(4) Walter Sims born November 16, 1945, Houston, Texas.
(3). Grace Rodden born April 23, 1911, married Herman Schmidt.
(5) Johnny Bert Schmidt born August 22, 1948.
(3) John Virgil Rodden born March 8, 1913, married Glenna Adams November 11, 1937.
(4) Sandra Rodden born July 17, 1939.

(4) Douglas Rodden born September 23, 1940.
(4) Janis Rodden born May 29, 1947.
(3) Addie Lou Rodden born April 10, 1915, married Ray Barnett.
(4) Sonny Boy Barnett.
(4) Ray Barnett.
She later married Vern Helms.
(4) Vern Helms
(4) Bill Helms.
(4) Freddie Helms.
(3)Odell Rodden born January 10, 1920, married Cleo Goldsmith.
(4) Jerry Cleo Goldsmith born August 8, 1942.
(4) Charles Cecil Goldsmith born August 15, 1943.
(4) Lynda Gayle born January 12, 1949.
(3) Edna Rodden born April 9, 1925, died September, 1940.
(2) Susie Esther Elliff born October 6, 1883, Kaufman County, Texas, married George A. Stratton March 18, 1907.
(3) Cora Mae Stratton born May 6, 1908, Tulia, Texas, married John Edward Payne February 9, 1927, Dimmitt,Texas.
(4) LaJuana Sue Payne born April 2, 1929, CeeVee, Texas, married Alan M. Byran, January 28, 1949. Abilene, Texas.
(5) Alan Brant Bryan born August 7, 1956, Dallas, Texas.
(4) Charles Edward Payne born September 19, 1930, Northfield, Texas, married Jo Anne Castleberry August 22, 1953, Ft. Worth,Tex.
(5) Carol Ann Payne born February 20, 1956.
(4) Glen Donald Payne born December 10, 1932, Lubbock, Texas.
(3) Gelta Lee Stratton born June 9, 1910, Tulia, Texas, married Claxton Stewart, deceased.
(3) Georgia Frances Stratton born December 17, 1911, Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Married J. Fenton Allen, August 9, 1941. Lubbock,Tex.
(4) James Kenneth Allen born June 9, 1943, Clovis, New Mexico.
(4) George Fenton Allen born August 9, 1946, Clovis, New Mexico.
(3) Ottye Marie Stratton born February 21, 1914, Taiban, New Mexico. Married Odell Meyer December 1, 1936, Memphis, Texas, later married Dee Courtney September 22, 1951.
(4) Dee Marie Courtney born September 9, 1952, Lubbock.
(3) Ethel Inez Stratton born March 27, 1916, Taiban, New Mexico, married Finis Ewing Collins, May 18, 1934, Plainview, Texas.
(4) Robert Ewing Collins born September 19, 1935, Lubbock, Texas.
(1) Mary Elizabeth Elliff born June 12, 1836, in Giles County, Tennessee, married Jesse Ritter, who was born March 6, 1833, four children born in Missouri.
(2) Eliza Ann Ritter born October 19, 1866, married Mark Potter.
(3) Pearl Potter, married Ed. Ragan.
(3) Coervy Potter, married Gertie Bird.
(2) Francis Marion Ritter born 1875.
(3) Glen Ritter.
(3) Burl Ritter born December 9, 1920.
(2) Josephine Ritter born 1870. Died August 13, 1943.

(2) Serilda Ritter born March 2, 1872, married Perry Madison Dixon.
(3) Maude Dixon born March 7, 1898, married December 25, 1913, to Lowell Hurst, who was born December 25, 1892.
(4) James W. Hurst born May 6, 1915, married August 28, 1946, to Ealus Green McNabb, born July 28, 1917.
(5) James Michael Hurst born September 28, 1947.
(4) Lillian Ruth Hurst born June 28, 1917, married Dale Allen McCornak, June 8, 1935.
(5) Ronald Dale McCornak born September 10, 1936, married to Judie.....
(6) one child 1955.
(5) Janet Lee McCornak born September 6, 1943.
(4) Cleda Muriel Hurst born March 15, 1920, married Floyd Dummitt.
(5) Jimmie Ruth Dummitt born March 10, 1938.
(5) Bettie Joe Dummitt born November 5, 1939.
(1) Samuel Wesley Elliff born Giles County, August 17, 1842, died in San Benito, Texas. Moved to Clark, Mo. about 1867, married Sara Gardner about 1868. In 1890, moved to Marlow, Oklahoma. In 1900 went to Tulia, Texas. In 1909 moved to San Benito, Texas
James J. Elliff. See other pages.
(2) Thomas David Elliff, single, lives in San Benito, Texas. Came to Texas in 1890.
(2) George W. Elliff, see another page.
(2) Julia Ann Elliff born 1877, married Arch Huff. Both deceased.
(3) Johnny Huff.
(3) Irene Huff, married a Mr. Nelson, there are other children, no record.
(2) Bert Elmore Elliff born October 30, 1879. Almantha, Mo. Married Lilly Palmer, born August 30, 1890, Ozark Mo.
(3) Henry Arvil Elliff born May 8, 1907, Denver, married Ruby Pace in 1934.
(4) Vera Lee Elliff born June 13, 1935. Cameron County, Texas.
(4) Barbara Edith Elliff born June 3, 1936.
(4) Gayle Elliff born September 28, 1937.
(4) Louella Elliff born October 20, 1939.
(4) Ruth Edna Elliff born July 5, 1942.
(4) Arvelene Elliff born September 16, 1944.
(4) Robert Charles Elliff born October 23, 1946.
(4) Martie Elliff born 1949 in Cameron County.
(3) Alvie Edward Elliff born March 26, 1909, Tulia, married Lena Goodwin in 1933.
(4) Alma Jean Elliff born Cameron County, 1934.
(4) Jackie Elliff born 1937.
(3) Curtis Curman Elliff born February 25, 1911, Cameron County, married Vonnie Evaline Maynard, born September 19, 1916, in Van Zant County, Texas.
(4) Betty Grace Elliff born December 3, 1936, Tulia, Texas.
(4) Lillie Faye Elliff born May 14, 1939. Amarillo, Texas.
(4) Curtis Carl Elliff born April 5, 1941, Amarillo.

(4) Thomas Bert Elliff, born July 20, 1942, Amarillo.
(3) Donald Franklin Elliff born October 20, 1914, Cameron County, married Is. Chava Rey of Campeche, Mexico, on November 21, 1948.
(4) Donald Franklin Elliff, Jr. born August 29, 1949, Cameron County.
(4) Dorothea Claudia Elliff born April 10, 1951.
(4) Judy Nell Elliff born August 21, 1952.
(3) Mona Agnes Elliff born August 13, 1916, married Jack Hamer, no children.
(3) Essie Norma Elliff born April 10, 1918, married C. Egzel Stephenson in 1937.
(4) Joan Stephenson.
(4) Patricia Stephenson.
(4) Melody Ann Stephenson.
(3) Raymond Elliff born March 24, 1920. Cameron County.
(3) Doris Elliff born April 18, 1923, married Oscar T. Richards, June 1, 1939. He was bornMay 16, 1921.
(4) Nita Fern Richards born June 2, 1940, Cameron County.
(4) Tommy Travis Richards born May 21, 1942, Shafter, California.
(4) Johnny Raymond Richards born May 28, 1944.
(4) Ronald Wayne Richards born October 28, 1947, Bakersfield, Calif.
(3) Cecil Dawson Elliff born March 29, 1925, married.
(4) James Howard Elliff born July 19, 1949, Cameron County, Texas.
(4) Cecil Dawson Elliff, Jr. born July 30, 1951.
(3) Gladys Lena Elliff born June 28, 1929, married James Edward Shepard, in 1944, who was born February 6, 1925.
(4) Darlene Frances Shepard born December 2, 1945, in California.
(4) Karen Lee Shepard born July 3, 1948, Taft, California.
(2) James Jackson Elliff born in Missouri in 1869. Came to Texas about 1890. Was a farmer. He maried Maude Phelps about 1915 in Tennessee. Died in San Benito, Texas in 1932.
(3) Louise Elliff.
(3) Bill Elliff.
(3) Edsol Elliff.
(3) Clarence Elliff.
They were in Tennessee.
(2) George W. Elliff born February 7, 1874, in Missouri, came to Texas, 1890. Maried Ola Belle Shipman in 1904, she died about 1916. He lives in Mercedes, Texas.
(3) Mary Belle Elliff born May 21, 1905, married Bill Farris.
(3) Lula May Elliff born October 5, 1907, married Cullen Reynolds, Plainview, Texas.
(3) Clarence Everett Elliff born January 4, 1910. Single.
(3) Howard Elmer Elliff born December 9, 1913, maried Pauline Kregbaum.
(3) Rosa Lee Elliff born June 17, 1915, married Jesse Baker.
No data on fourth generation.
(2) Mary Jane Elliff born in 1881, married S. H. Shipman about 1904. Both deceased.

(3) James Shipman.
(3) Truitt Shipman.
(3) Hugh Shipman. Born December 25, ...
(3) Leroy Shipman born October 25, 1913, married Lola Mae Reed, July 17, 1937.
(3) Wilma Shipman born July 18, 1940.
(4) Barbara Elaine Shipman born Jaunary 31, 1942.

(1) John Phillip Elliff born September 25, 1844, in Giles County, left there about 1867, settled in Kaufman County, Texas. In 1884 moved to Clay County, Texas. In 1890 moved to Marlow, Oklahoma, then to Tulia, Texas in 1900. In 1909 moved to San Benito, Texas. Died in 1937. He married Mary Wyatt, she is deceased.

(2) Hannah Elliff born 1871, married William Dixon Snow. who is deceased. Hannah is now living in Houston at the age of 84 years.
(3) Coy D. Snow born April 14, 1898, married Hazel Delaney, June 23, 1937.
(4) Sharon Snow born April 28, 1938.
(4) Linda Snow born April 23, 1941.
(3) Auda Snow born April 14, 1901, died July 11, 1924.
(3) Delmer E. Snow born April 28, 1903, married Lois Crabtree, no children.
(3) Amma Snow born July, 1905, married Paul White November 16,1940.
(4) Iris White born 1945.
(3) Johnny Snow born January 15, 1908, married Laura Haynes, February 14, 1938.
(3) Iris Snow born February 28, 1914, married Ralph McFarland, November, 1930.
(4) Wayne McFarland born October 16, 1934.
(4) Irma McFarland born May 6, 1938.
(4) Sherry Lynne McFarland born December 23, 1944.

(2) Maggie Elliff, died at about 20 years of age.
(2) William A. Elliff, married, and lives in California.
(3) Eva Elliff.

(1) Benjamin Franklin Elliff born in Giles County, Tennessee, in 1848,died in 1920, San Benito, Texas. He married Elitha....., about 1868. Came to Kaufman County, Texas in 1878. In 1900 he moved to Tulia, Swisher County, Texas. In 1909 he moved to the Rio Grande Valley, San Benito, Texas.

(2) Eliza Ann Elliff born 1870, died 1955 in Brownsville, Texas. Married a Mr. Davis, deceased.
(3) Jesse Davis.
(3) John Davis
(3) Clarence Davis.
(3) Ruth Davis.
(3) Bessie Davis.
(3) Jerome Davis. Deceased.

No data on fourth generation.

(2) Susie Elliff born 1874, died 1935, San Benito, Texas. Married a Mr. Ballard. Had one daughter, she married.

(2) John Franklin Elliff born 1877, McNairy County, Tennessee,never married, died in Brownsville, Texas 1955.

(2) J. Cornelius Elliff born 1880, Kaufman County, Texas, married Myrtle Erwin about 1926. Lives in San Benito, Texas, had one child, who died.

Assembled March 21, 1956 by D. H. Elliff, Tulia, Texas.

Constant P. Eliff, 1818 - 1882

Constant Elliff was born and raised in Giles County Tennessee. He married Mary Potter. To this union there were born thirteen children, two died in infancy and two in childhood and nine lived to be grown. For a complete list of Father's desendants to the fourth generation, see supplement attached.

My father, with his entire family at that time, Rowan, Overton, Miles and Sarah, and Grandma Potter, came to Missouri about 1850 and settled in Lawrence County not far from the town of Mt. Vernon. Father's wedding present was two slaves, Bess and Ben, man and wife. Father did not believe in slavery and was in fact an abolitionist and upon coming to Missouri, he freed these slaves.

For two years before the Civil War and some time afterwards, there was a bitter struggle over the admission of Kansas as a state. During this period there was an organized band of men known as Bushwhackers. When General Price was in the vicinity, they were loyal Southern soldiers, and when General Lyon was in the county, they were just as loyal Federal Soldiers, but all the time they were robbers, thieves and murderers. During this period these Bushwhackers took practically everything we had on the farm, including our household goods. Father and brother Bobe were in the army. Mother and brother Ike loaded up what little we had left in a farm wagon and moved to Council Grove, Kansas, where I was born December 31, 1863.

After the war, we moved back to Lawrence County and a year or two later to McDonald County where father had bought a farm.

My father was a very religious man. I never heard him use a cuss word. He became a leader in school and social affairs, especially in school affairs. He was one of the leaders in buildng up the common schools in McDonald County. He was responsible for the organization of the school district in which we lived, the old Cobble Hill frame school house. He and brother Bobe hauled the pine lumber for this house from the Van Winkle's mill in Arkansas.

Father's epitaph which is now engraved on his tombstone was suggested by an eminent minister who had known him for many years. It is:

"A FRIEND OF LIBERTY AND FREE SCHOOLS"

Father, Mother, Uncle George and many of my relatives are buried in the old Elliff burying ground on Father's farm in McDonald County.

The Descendants of Constant P. Elliff

Constant P. Elliff was born in 1818 and died in 1882. He married Mary Potter, born 1827 and died 1898. Mother told me that she was sixteen years old when she married. This would have made the date of her marriage about 1843. To this union were born thirteen children. Two of them, whose names I do not know, died in infancy. Two others, Miranda and Mary, died in childhood. Mary died when I was about ten years. Two of the remaining, Rowan and Sarah, left no living descendants.

Rowan Virginia, the oldest, married John Brumback about 1861. Brumback was killed in the battle of Prairie Grove during th Civil War. About 1865 Rowan married Magnus Krespach. There were two children: Levy, who died about 1870, and who is buried in the old Elliff cemetery, and Magnus, who died when a child.

Sarah Filmore married Sidney Hire about 1866. There were two children, Ida and Alvin. Ida, the oldest, lived to be grown up and married, but left no children. Alvin died when a small child. This entire family is resting together in the same lot in Fairview Cemetery, Joplin, Missouri.

In what follows, you will see that I have tried to include in the list all the relations to and including the fourth generation. However, there are several members in the fourth generation whose names I do not know.

In the following tabulation the figure "1" means Constant Elliff's child. The figure "2"before the name means his grandchild, the figure "3", the great grandchild, and the figure "4" means a great, great grandchild.

(1) Overton C. Elliff, 1845- -1901. Married Elizabeth Hire in 1866.
  (2) Mary Elliff, 1869. Married Sam Eppard in 1887
    (3) Henry, 1889. Married Lois Chapman in 1916.
    (3) Lois, 1898. Married George Black.
    (3) Bessie, 1898. Deceased.
    (3) Joseph, 1903. Married Velma Siler.
      (4) Joseph, 1926, married Margaret Prather.
        (5) .....
  (2) John Elliff. Married Ella Triplett in 1898.
    (3) Overton, 1900.
      (4) Ella Jo, 1927.
      (4) Em Louise, 1929.
    (3) Lucille, 1903. Married Clifford Baker.
    (3) Luther, 1905, married Eva Widick.
      (4) Larry Joe, 1933
      (4) Elaine, 1937.
  (3) Sidney Walker Elliff, 1877. Married Lois Caldwell (deceased) in 1899.
    (3) Lila Elliff, 1903. Married Myril Sreick in 1920.
      Sidney has seven children and several grandchildren
      His childrens' names are Lila, Mary, John, Violet, Challis, Florence, and Billie.
  (2) Charlie Elliff. 1880. Married Emma Titus in 1908.
    (3) Arlene, 1912, married Lester Bailey in 1934.
      (4) Jemima Charles, 1935.

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(4) Lucy, 1940.
(3) Rosalee, 1914. Married Fred Orrick.
(4) Glen, 1935.
(4) Larry, 1945.
(2) Emma Elliff. Married Rex Dalton.
(3) Lillian. Married Raymond Lange.
(4) Mary, 1940.
(3) Arthur Rex Dalton. Married Joyce.....
(4) Rex, Junior. 1949.
(2) Maggie Elliff, married George Stewart, deceased.
(3) Marvin.
(3) Merrill, 1910. Married Lola Hughes.
(4) Jerry, 1944.
(4) Richard, 1946.
(3) Evelyn. 1917. Married Ralph Liston.
(4) Mary Lou, 1941.
(4) Anna, 1943.
(1) Michael Garrett, Feb. 10, 1847, Giles County, Tennessee, March 26, 1931 Married Lucy Davis, born Oct. 24, 1868. Pierce City, Mo.
(2) Willis Constant Elliff, April 12, 1890, Anderson, Mo. - Jan.8, 1941. Married Rebecca Halling, Sept. 1915.
(3) Nell, July 21, 1917.
(3) Ruth, February 26, 1919.
(3) Mike, February 4, 1923.
(3) John, May 6, 1929.
(2) Rowan Ethel Elliff. July 13, 1892. Anderson, Mo.
(2) Sarah Ella Elliff, July 13, 1895. Marrid Fred A. Cook, March 7, 1914.
(3) Paul Frederic, Jan. 8, 1915 - April 24, 1943,married Avanella Harpool, April 7, 1937.
(4) Beverly Jean, April 6, 1938.
(4) Nancy Lee, February 3, 1939.
(4) Sara Lynn, August 3, 1940.
(4) Paul Fredric II, October 13, 1943.
(3) Mary Lucille. Nov. 10, 1916, married William C. Ulmer, Aug. 29, 1935.
(3) John Miles, December 7, 1918. Married Avis Langford, Dec. 24, 1941.
(4) Janice Marie, September 9, 1943.
(4) Peggy Jean, July 9, 1948.
(3) Irene Elizabeth, March 24, 1921, married C. A. Whithead. March 19, 1938.
(4) Ann Elizabeth, October 27, 1939.
(4) Barbara Ellen, September 20, 1942.
(4) Sharon Gay, January 27, 1947.
(2) Miles Anthony Elliff, Anderson, Mo. July 23, 1898, married Mae Hewitt, May 15, 1920.
(3) Ann, November 6, 1922.
(3) Mikell, May 22, 1935.
(2) Jessie Blanche Elliff, Pineville, Mo., July 14, 1903.

(2) Annie Laura Elliff, Pineville, Mo., Feb. 4, 1906. Married Clarence Mouck, August 29, 1935.
(3) Mary Rowan, February 2, 1940.
(3) Elizabeth Jane, May 6, 1942.
(1) Jesse Love Elliff, born May 29, 1855 - April 21, 1942. Married Octavia Stewart, born April 8, 1854 - May 30, 1924.
(2) Weaver, February 26, 1881 - March 11, 1881.
(2) Anna May, Jan. 12, 1883- -Feb. 17, 1916. Married Arthur S. Eastman, March 7, 1909.
(3) Jesse Wells Eastman, September 25, 1912. Married Vera Martin.
(4) Mark Stuart Eastman, Oct. 1949.
(4) Kent Douglas Eastman, April 20, 1953.
(1) Alvin Charles Elliff married Emma Morgan. To this union were born six children, Constant, the oldest was married twice. His first wife was Hazel Barker - Sept. 10, 1905. To this union was born one child. Roy Edward, 1906. Roy Edward married Marguerite Cleveland, January, 1948. There were no children.

Second wife was Esther Redman.
(2) Audrey
(2) Mamie - Married John Hutchinson.
(3) John
(3) Ruth.
(3) Louisa
(2) Robert.
(2) Charles.
(2) Dewey.
(2) Orla.
(1) Miriam. Married William Weaver.
(2) Fred Weaver, 1881.
(2) Clara Weaver. Married Ed Barnett, June 8. 1892. She was born Feb. 21, 1879.
(3) Miriam Elizabteh Barnett, 1893. Now Miriam B. Gentry. 1903 - 12th Street, Brownwood, Texas.
(4) Miriam Elizabeth Albertson, 1915, -1905 - 12th St., Brownwood, Texas.
(5) Miriam Albertson Lowrance, September 13, 1942.
(5) Glenn Lanson Lowrance, Jr.
(5) Lynn Marcus Lowrance, September 30, 1944.
(1) Joseph Doliver Elliff, 1863. Married Jean S. Cumming, 1893.
(2) Joseph Cumming Elliff. Joplin, Mo., Sept. 18, 1895. Married Harriet Virginia Braddon Bell, born St. Joseph, Mo. June 14, 1897.
(3) Joseph Cumming Elliff, Jr., Evanston, Ill., Nov. 4, 1924, married Carol Ruth Holmes, born Ridgefield, N. J. May 19, 1925.
(4) Nancy Jo. Ridgefield, N.J., March 29, 1951.
(3) John Malseed Bell Elliff, Evanston, Ill., Dec., 28, 1930, married Nelda Kemmerer, Decatur, Ill., Sept. 3, 1930.
(4) Scott Anderson Elliff, born Handstuhl, Germany, April 18, 1954.

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SUPPLEMENT FOR JOSEPH DOLIVER ELLIFF FAMILY

(1) Joseph Doliver Elliff - born in Council Grove, Kansas, December 31, 1863. Family moved to Anderson, Mo. after Civil War. Taught country school. Superintendent of schools at Joplin, Mo. and St. Joseph, Mo. Then became member of faculty of University of Missouri, Education Department. Inspector of High Schools in Missouri. LLD from St. Louis University, St. Louis. "Who's Who." Lives at 705 Maryland Place, Columbia, Mo.

Married

Jean Scott Cumming, born August 20, 1867 in Bethany, Mo., daughter of John Cumming and Mary Woodrow Cumming, both from Scotland. Married in Carthage, Mo., Dec. 28, 1893 at First Methodist Church by Rev. W. B. Slute. Jean Scott Cumming graduated from Warrensburg Normal College. died August 1951, Columbia. Buried in Memorial Cemetery, Columbia

Children

(2) Joseph Cumming Elliff, born Joplin, Mo., Sept. 18, 1895. Graduated from University of Missouri. 1914. Taught at Kemper Military Academy, Boonville, Mo. Sold dynamite for Hercules Powder Company. Was Western Manager for Saturday Evening Post in Chicago to 1938. Then with Stewart-Warner, Vice President in Charge of Refrigerator Division. Then with Scott Radio. Is Special Agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Chicago. Served as 1st Lt. in World War I with 4th Field Artillery. Active in SPEBSQUA (Barber Shop Singing) Active in Chicago Businessmen's Symphony - plays flute. Was in Graves Registration Service and M.P. in Germany, Coblenz, 1920. Lives at 45 Green Bay Road, Hubbard Woods, Illinois.

Married

Harriet Virginia Braddock Bell, born June 14, 1897, St. Joseph, Mo. Married October 20, 1923 in First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph. Dr. Caskey, minister. Graduated from University of Missouri, 1919. Daughter of Harriet

Braddock and Dr. John Halseed Bell. Has one brother, Dr. Robert M. Bell of St. Louis. Is Daughter of the American Colonists through Braddock line. Active in G.W.P. Glencoe Woman's Club. Chairman of Ravina sales for Glencoe. KAO in College and Mortar Board. Avid horsewoman and gardner. Varied artistic talents.

(2) Mary Agnes Elliff, born Jan. 20, 1897, Joplin, Mo. Graduated University of Missouri 1918, PBD. Taught in Evanston, Illinois and in Ethical Culture School in New York. Buyer for Macy's Department Store, New York. Is now of Editorial Staff of Scott Forseman. Book publishers. Lives at Pearson Hotel, Chicago. Has LLD from Columbia, New York. Delta Gamma in College.

Children of Joseph and Harriet Elliff

(3) Joseph Cumming Elliff, Jr., born Evanston, Illinois, Nov. 4, 1925. Graduated from School of Commerce of Northwestern University, Evanston, 1949. Served as Pfc. in World War II in 100th Division and fought in Germany and France. Was under fire on his 19th birthday near the Voges Mts. Played trumpet in H.S. New Trier, director of Lagniappe. Sang in Holy Comfortor Church Choir. Gave song recital in 1949 at Skokie School, Winnetka. First job, Kraft Cheese Co. in New York and Chicago. Next with Gillette (Toni division). Is now account executive in Young and Rubicam Advertising Agency, N.Y. Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Married

Carol Ruth Holmes, born Ridgefield, New Jersey, May 19, 1925. Married at English Neighborhood Reformed Church, Ridgefield, August 28, 1947 by Rev. Eric Muller. Daughter of Kathryn and Theodore Holmes of Ridgefield, New Jersey. Has two brothers, Burton and Ted, Jr. Graduated from Duke University 1946. Has great artistic talents. Taught High School and Junior High in 1946-1947.

Children of Cumming and Carol Elliff

(a) Nancy Jo Elliff, born Hackensack, New Jersey, March 29, 1951.

(3) John Halsted Bell Elliff, born December 27, 1930, Evanston, Illinois. Graduated from New Trier High School, Winnetka, and University of Wisconsin, School of Commerce, 1952. Served as 1st Lt. U.S. Army in Germany, 1953-54. Jewel Tea Co. as route salesman in Wisconsin; now in Chicago Office, Melrose Park. Lives in Glenview, Illinois. Phi Gamma Delta.

Married

Nelda Luann Kemmerer, born Decatur, Illinois, Sept. 4, 1931. Daughter of Ralph and Mary Kemmerer. Married at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Decatur, March 28, 1953 by Rev. R. Crothers. Graduated from University of Wisconsin 1953. KAO.

Children of John and Nelda Elliff

(a) Scott Anderson Elliff, born April 18, 1954, in Landstuhl, Germany - when father was in U.S. Army there. Scott born as American citizen.

(2) Mary Agnes Elliff, born Joplin, Mo., January 20, 1897.
(1) Daniel Sheridan Elliff, March 11, 1867 - May 14, 1905. Married Nettie Belle Elliott July 19, 1888. She died March 2, 1908.
(2) Inez, April 7, 1889 - 1896.
(2) Monroe Powell, April 17, 1892. Married Inez Lily Barnes July 10, 1911.
(3)Mamie Ruth Elliff, June 18, 1913. Married Fred R. Daffer, Dec. 26, 1931
(4) Fred R, Jr., March 18, 1939.
(4) Daniel Richard, Sept. 25, 1941.
(4) George Douglas, October 16, 1945.
(4) John William, June 28, 1949.
(3) Dorothy Ann, Feb. 4, 1916, married James Frances Gleason. Nov. 15, 1941.
(4) Stephen Monroe, April 26, 1949.
(3) George Francis, April 7, 1918, Married Audra May Lannin. July 4, 1947.
(3) Mary Louise, February 22, 1920, married Vernon C. Hudson, April 25, 1940.
(4) Ruth Ann, August 4, 1941.
(4) Vernon C., Jr., July 17, 1943.
(4) Dennis Lee, January 7, 1945.
(2) Goldee Rebecca Elliff, Aug. 23, 1896. Married Walter Jackson Roark, April 27, 1915.
(3) Martha Rubelle, Oct. 23, 1916, married Cyril Ed. Rickett, Sept. 23, 1938.
(4) Roark, August 18, 1941.
(4) Daniel Benjamin
(2) Ida May Elliff, April 19, 1899, married Herbert Henry Schmidt. June 30, 1922.
(3) Herbert Jackson Schmidt, Sept. 23, 1935, married Mary June Turner. December 19, 1954.
(4) H. J. Schmidt, Jr. born October 22, 1955.
(2) Jesse Elliff, August 5, 1901 - October 2, 1902.
2(1) Jesse Edward Elliff, born February 18, 1886 died November 8, 1927. Married Nellie Anderson, April 2, 1927.
2(1) Loy Octavia Elliff, born Dec. 8, 1888. Married Fred Stewart, Dec. 14, 1906.
3(2) John Wesley Stewart, born Sept. 26, 1913. Married Velma Garvin, Dec. 29, 1942.
2(1) Benjamin H. Elliff, born Nov. 24, 1890. Died Aug. 16, 1929.
2(1) Glen D. Elliff, born Feb. 25, 1892. Married Ina Nance.

GEORGE ELLIFF, Born 1821.

George Elliff, son of Grandfather John Elliff, was born and raised in Tennessee. He moved to Missouri about 1850. After the Civil War he moved to McDonald County.

In his prime, Uncle George was physically very strong - in fact, almost a giant in strength. He was quite a hunter and an expert shot with his long barrelled, muzzle loading rifle. He could find a bee tree where no one else could. He knew how to trace them to their hive. At one time he captured a small fawn and raised it as a pet. When it became grown up it still lingered about the home and would come back to the house every night. He placed a bell around the neck of this doe and he could know when she was coming home in the evening. Sometime she would be followed by a male deer but he never came but once.

Uncle George was renowned for his marvelous memory. When he was a young man it was customary for the farmers to watch their pigs and drive them to market. He often went with these people and he loved to tell about his experiences. He could tell everything that happened on the entire trip and loved to do so. We boys would often request him to tell us a "hog driver."

Uncle George and my father were very near to each other all their lives. Both married sisters before leaving Tennessee. George married Lucinda and father married Mary Potter, daughters of Grandma Bennie Potter. We know but little about Grandma Potter. We know that she was born in Virginia but not far from Jamestown. She lived with us and died at the age of 96. There is a legend, and it's probably true, that Grandma Potter was one-eighth Cherokee Indian. After coming to Missouri together, Uncle George and Father both came to McDonald County and settled on Indian Creek. Father's farm was about one mile from the present town of Anderson and Uncle George's farm about three miles further up Indian Creek.

Grandma Potter, my father and mother and your mother and father are all sleeping quietly in the old family graveyard in McDonald County.

Genealogy

(1) George Elliff, born 1821
  (2) George Everad Elliff, born 1874.
    (3) Olive Elliff, born 1909, died 1947.
    (3) Charles Elliff, born 1943.
    (3) Esther Elliff Ragin, born 1910.
    (3) Jean, born 1947.
    (3) Mildred, born 1950.

George Everad served in the U.S. Army, Company M, 6th Infantry. He was ordained a Baptist minister and had charge of churches in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. At present he is retired and is an active member of the First Baptist Church at Joplin, Missouri.

THOMAS ELLIFF, Born 1817

Thomas Elliff raised a family of eight children: four boys, Billy, Jim, John and Joe; four girls, Sarah, Caroline, Anne, and Liza. All these children grew up in Tennessee, and with one exception, little is known of their descendants with the exception of Joe.

Joe was born March 24, 1862, and raised a family of ten children. We know practically nothing about any of these children except H.E. Elliff (Edgar). Edgar married and moved to Mississippi. He has a family of three boys - Charles, Jack and Billy Joe, and one granddaughter, Joe Ann.

Edgar's present address is:

H. E. Elliff
Route 1
Guntown, Mississippi.

SAM ELLIFF, Born 1825

Sam, the youngest son of grandfather John, when about the age of 16 years, left home. A legend has it that his father wanted to give him a good switching and that Sam ran away and never returned. After roaming around for sometime, he settled in Mississippi County, Missouri, the extreme corner of the "bootheel" county. He lived there until after the Civil War. Raised a family of two boys, Walter and Finis.

Finis raised a family of five children - Alfred, Becky, Jim, Estelle, and John Richard. We know little or nothing about Walter.

John Richard Elliff, the only living grandson of Sam Elliff, is now quite an old man and ill. His post office address is Route 2, Box 397, Creve Coeur, Missouri. John Richard raised a family of six children. John Richard Jr., died in 1954. His sister, Mrs. Estelle Roberts has a large famly. Her address is 7280 Ashby Road, Overland, Missouri. As far as I can ascertain all of the descendants of John Richard Elliff are now living in St. Louis County. There are no fewer than ten or twelve children in the group.

In so far as is known, none of Sam's descendants have gone out of Missouri. Uncle Sam served in the Union Army. Later in life he returned to Tennessee, married again and died there about 1900.

EVERAD ELLIFF, Sr., born 1785, died 1844

Everad Elliff, Sr., was born and grew up in Sumner County, Tennessee, near Gallatin. He raised a family of ten children, six boys and four girls. The following is a quotation from a letter from Mrs. Hardy Thomas Elliff, the wife of a grandson of Everad Elliff, Sr. The letter was written in 1947 and mailed from Muskogee, Oklahoma:

"My husband, Hardy Thomas Elliff, born December 1872, the only son of William Kenny Elliff, born in Madison County, Illinois, in 1831. He moved to Scotland County, Missouri, in 1856 and lived there where my husband was born. My husband's grandfather, Everad Elliff, came from Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee. There were ten children in the family, six boys and four girls. Uncle Thomas Morrris Elliff was an old bachelor and lived with us in later years. Another uncle, Hardy Thomas Elliff, lived in Douglas County, Oregon, and raised a large family. One of his boys was George Gordon Elliff and another boy was named Harvey.

"We raised three boys, Dee, the oldest born 1895, and two other boys were Thomas and Morris, both deceased.

"My husband's grandfather, Everad Elliff, Sr., had several brothers but we know but little about them."

THOMAS ELLIFF, born 1817

Thomas Elliff, son of grandfather John, was an early settler in Oregon. It seems quite probable that the Elliffs in North Missouri, Wisconsin, Oregon, and the Far West were the descendants of Everad, Sr.

EVERAD ELLIFF, Jr., Born 1825.

When Everad Elliff, Sr., left Tennessee and settled in Illinois, he took his namesake, Everad, Jr., who was six years old, with him. Everad, Jr., lived with his uncle until he was 21 years of age, when he went to Wisconsin. He lived there five years, then crossed the Plains in 1850 to the gold fields of California, then moved to Douglas County, Oregon, where he remained for eighteen years. He then came back by water in 1867. Then to Oklahoma where he died at the age of 81 years.

JAMES (JIM) ELLIFF, Born 1810

Jim, Joe and Clement left Tennessee about 1830 and settled in McClelland County, Texas, and became cattlemen. When ready for market, their cattle were driven to Abilene, Kansas, or Kansas City. A long, long drive. Jim married and raised a family in Texas and later moved to Oklahoma. This was about 1855. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. We have contacted several of his descendants in Oklahoma.

JOE ELLIFF

Joe Elliff went to Texas with his brother. He was an old bachelor. Never married and lived with his brother Jim. He was a silversmith by profession and did work on the tower and clock of the State Capitol Building at Nashville, Tennessee. It is believed by some that both Jim and Joe came back to East Texas and did there but we are not certain about it.

THOMAS BRITTON ELLIFF

The only definite information I have about this one of Grandfather John's boys is a letter from A. P. Elliff of which the following is a copy:

Carey Baptist Association
A. P. Elliff, Missionary
Bearden, Arkansas
28 Oct. 1953

J. D. Elliff
705 Maryland Avenue
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

My son, J. T. of Kansas City, has referred your letter to me for whatever I may be able to give.

MY FATHER was James Thomas Elliff, born 1845, Tenn., died in Oklahoma, 1913. He married twice. First to Mary Jane Smith to which a son was born, Georgie . Both died in Tennessee early. My father married Sarah Jane Boren in Mississippi and Moved to the Indian Territory (Okla.) sometime about 1870. He had an older brother, William and a sister Ann (unmarried both) who lived a while with us in Oklahoma. On the records of the Civil War I rely for such information, as he was in service.

MY GRANDFATHER was Thomas Britton Elliff who had four children William, James Thomas (my father), Mrs. Sarah Horne, and Ann (unmarried).

MY GREAT GRANDFATHER was John O. Elliff, Sr., who married Canada Britton, after whom my Grandfather Thomas Britton Elliff was named.
I have not been able to find dates of birth of very many of the family tree. If you have any such I shall appreciate the information. I surely hope you get a complete line of the Elliff family tree.

Most sincerely yours,

Aaron Pinkney Elliff
1887, Kully, Oklahoma
birthdate and place

COPY

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MACKINAW

Mackinaw, Illinois

October 21st, 1953.

J. D. Elliff

705 Maryland Avenue

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter October 16. I am very much afraid that I cannot be of much help to you in assembling the data of the Elliff family as I am not informed on any branch aside from my immediate family and only apartially even in that line. My father, Edward Elliff, was born in Bern, England (near London) in 1846. His father, John Elliff died when my father was only a small child so I am informed. My father (and oldest sister) came to America with his mother in 1853 and they settled near the city of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. They resided there for a few years then moved to a farm near Minier, Tazwell County, Illinois, and he resided near Minier until his death which occured June 18th, 1908.

Mary Elliff, my father's mother never remarried. She resided with her daughter and in my father's home until her death January 7th, 1894. The older daughter married a Johnson (both long since deceased) and some fifty years ago this Johnson made a trip to England to look after Mary Elliff's interests. (She had been receiving funds at regular intervals which suddenly stopped. I cannot recall all the details of his report but the sum and substance was to the effect that there was nothing due and but little could be learned of the Elliff ancestry.

You did not enclose the list of names but none of my family ever resided in the south so it makes no difference. Sorry that I cannot be of more help to you. I am 83 and so must be considered just another old man.

Yours Truly,

Wm. T. Elliff

Mackinaw, Illinois

/s/ Wm. T. Elliff

This letter makes it quite clear that this man is not a member of our clan.

J. D. Elliff

The Elliffs in Illinois

After much reading and re-reading of letters and various papers I have accumulated in my research for the Elliffs in Illinois, I have come to the conclusion that the two families named Elliff came to Illinois at the same time from Tennessee and the names of the heads of these families were James Elliff and Everad Elliff. Of James Elliff and his descendants I have been able to gather a large amount of data; on Everad, I have not done so well. Here are the details I have been able to obtain and I have papers to back up most of the information.

If there was an Everad Elliff from Tennessee and if he was born in 1788 or perhaps in 1785 (the date on the tombstone was hard to read) he must have been the brother of John Elliff of Tennessee because the dates are so close (of birth). In Old Dugger Cemetery outside St. Jacob, Illinois, just off Ill. route 40, there is a stone reading Everad Elliff, died April 15, 1844 - aged 56 (59?) years. Another stone reads, Mary, wife of E. Elliff, died Sept. 3, 1853, age 70 yrs.

These people are no doubt husband and wife.

In letters from Hardy Thomas Elliff of Muskogee, Oklahoma, he tells that his father was William Kinney Elliff, son of Everad Elliff. William Kinney was born in Madison Cy. Illinois, in 1831. It would be perfectly possible that the Everad in Dugger Cemetery is the father of Wm. And if that is correct, the other children of this family were:

Thomas Morris Elliff, born 1824 in Sumner County, Tennessee.

Hardy Tar Elliff

George Elliff, died at the age of 21 (a stone in Dugger Cemetery reads George Elliff, d. January 15, 1840, aged 21)

Frank Elliff

William Kinney Elliff, born 1830, Madison County, Illinois.

There were ten children in all according to Hardy Thomas Elliff and the names given above are from him.

James Elliff, head of the other Elliff family which came to Madison County, was married to Susan Van Catrin. Just six weeks after arriving in Illinois, James Elliff died and his wife followed him in death only six months. I can find no stones in the Dugger Cemetery for either of these people but I have found evidence that this family lived nearer to the town of Lebanon, Illinois. Lebanon is just across the line in St. Clair County and is only about ten miles from St. Jacob, Illinois, Madison County. James Elliff's history is fairly complete, thanks to Mrs. Harriett Wynne of Denver, Colorado, and to Inez Elliff of St. Louis, Missouri.

On the following pages I have listed the generations as you did in your history. James Elliff being numbered "1", his children are numbered "2", grandchildren are numbered "3", etc.

Floramae Burke Elliff

James Elliff

James Elliff was married to Susan Van Catrin. He brought his family to Illinois from near Tyler Springs, Tennessee, about 1830. Six weeks after arriving, he died, his wife followed him in death in only six months. At this time Everad Elliff (Mrs. Wynne's grandfather) was only about nine years old and the youngest of the family. Celia B. Kinney, wife of William Kinney and daughter of Everad and Mary Elliff, took young Everad after his parent's death: Celia is buried in Dugger Cemetery. (It is possible that Everad and Mary Elliff regarded Celia B. so highly that they called her "'daughter" and she was, in fact, only a daughter-in-law, wife of their son, Wm. Kinney Elliff - this is only a presumption.) The children of James and Susan Elliff are:

(2) John Wesley Elliff
(2) Emily Elliff, married Levi Sharp, had
  (3) James Sharp
  (3) Samuel Sharp
  (3) Mary Sharp
(2) Mary Adeline Elliff, married William Dugger and had:
  (3) Alonzo Dugger
  (3) Melvina Dugger
  (3) William Dugger
  (3) James Dugger
  (3) Charles Dugger
(2) Charity Garringer, married Demetrius Cheatham, and had:
  (3) Henry Cheatham
  (3) James Cheatham
  (3) Edward Cheatham
  (3) Henrietta Cheatham
  (3) Jennie Cheatham
  (3) Olive Cheatham
  (3) William Cheatham
(2) Barbara Elliff, married Shelby Cuddy and had:
  (3) John Cuddy
  (3) Emily Cuddy
  (3) George Cuddy
(2) Everad Elliff, married Hariette Burnham (nee Thorpe), and had:
  (3) Ida Belle Elliff
  (3) Susan Adeline Elliff
  (3) Emily Elliff
  (3) Fred Elliff
  (3) Henriette Caroline Elliff, married Gordon Buckles and had:
    (4) Harriette Buckles, married Justin Wynne

John Wesley Elliff

John Wesley Elliff married Talitha Dugger. She was of the well-to-do Dugger family which settled in Madison County and which also owned the cemetery where the Elliffs lie buried just outside St. Jacob, Illinois.

John and Talitha had:

(3) James Garrett Elliff, born 1836, died 1896, in St. Louis, Mo.
(3) John Wesley Elliff, born 1838, died in infancy
(3) William Wallace Elliff, born 1840, died 1881

(3)) Mary J. Elliff, born 1843.
(3) Everad Hogue Elliff, born 1846, died 1848, in St. Louis, Mo.
(3) Charles Elliff, born 1848, died in infancy
(3) Charles F. Elliff, born 1851
(3) James Garrett (see separate page)
(3) William Wallace (see separate page)
(3) Mary J. Elliff married a man named Emanuel Mennette, a captain in the Civil War, they had two children, Bert and Lenore
(3) Everad Hogue Elliff (see separate page)
(3) Charles Elliff

3. William Wallace Elliff

William Wallace Elliff served with the Union Army in the Civil War.

He was graduated from McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois in 1866 with a bachelor of Laws Degree and was admitted to the Illinois bar in November, 1866. He later moved to Milford, Missouri, and his children, a girl and two boys were born there.

William Wallace Elliff and his wife had:

(4) John Ebenezer Elliff, born December, 1872
(4) Charles F. Elliff, born 1874
(4) Bessie Elliff, married a man named Allen

John Ebenezer Elliff had:

(5) Edgar A. Elliff
(6) John Edgar Elliff, born Sept. 1931, Sterling, Colo.
(6) James Henry Elliff, born August, 1933, Sterling, Colo.

According to Edgar Elliff (5), John Elliff (4) spoke of an uncle named Hogue Elliff. One uncle was believed to have moved to Texas after the Civil War.

Edgar is a Doctor of Medicine in Sterling. He was graduated in medicine in 1919 and is also United States Senator from Colorado and was chosen GOP chairman in Denver on January 23, 1956.

Edgar says his great-grandfather was named Jack and is buried in a country cemetery about ten miles east of Lebanon, Illinois.

3. Everad Hogue Elliff

Everad Hogue Elliff was born May 17, 1846, at St. Jacob, Illinois. He married Samantha Alice Rutledge of Preble County, Ohio. She was born on October 7, 1865, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 13, 1943.

Their children were:

(4) Inez R. Elliff; unmarried, and she gives me no data on herself.
(4) Edna Rutledge Elliff, born 1878, died March 5, 1930. Edna was born in Red Bud, Illinois, and died in St. Louis, Mo. She married Leslie J. Nichols and had:

(5) Delphine Nichols, who married L. C. Hargroves.

Inez and her niece, Mrs. Hargroves, live at 8301 Jackson, St. Louis.

Everad Hogue went by the name Hogue and was a newspaper publisher; the following story is from the history of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Counties, and was published in 1883:

"Courier, Everett H. Elliff, editor and publisher. The office was brought to Red Bud from Lebanon. The first number was issued April 20, 1877. It was also Democratic in tone. Mr. Elliff continued the publication until Sept. 19, 1879, when the office was leased to H. C. Hinckley for the term of one year.

In February, 1880, Mr. Hinckley sold the lease to Mr. Elliff and the latter then removed the press and material to Coulmbia in Monroe County."

"The first paper printed in the town of Columbia was the Columbia Gazette. It was started by Everett H. Elliff. The issue was made in February 1880 when the office was brought to the town from Red Bud. Five numbers were issued when the paper was suspended. The office remained closed until May 5, when it was purchased by Peter Baker and from which was issued 'Voice of Monroe.' The Gazette was published as a Democratic paper but the latter was a Republican paper."

According to Inez Elliff, her family moved to Bonne Terre, Missouri, and her father published a paper there also, and from there the family moved to St. Louis.

Everad Hogue died in St. Louis on March 2, 1928, at 5630 Pershing Avenue. He was cremated and there was no burial.

3. James Garrett Elliff

James Garrett Elliff was born in or near Highland, Illinois, in 1836. He married Eliza Jane Traver. She was a school-teacher in St. Jacob, Illinois. She was lame and very small in stature. Eliza died at 1902 Exchange Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 26, 1923, and she was buried inMount Hope Cemetery in Belleville, Illinois. Her age at death was 85 years, so she was born in 1838.

James G. Elliff was a broommaker in Old Kaskaskie, Illinois. During a visit there in 1955 we saw the old broom press he used to make his brooms. The press was brought to America in 177?, no exact date, and no details as to how James obtained it. It is in a shed on the property of the present broommaker, and it is not used any more since improved machines are available. James also raised his own broom corn for his brooms.

James Elliff had a sawmill at Brewersville and an agency for Walter A. Woods Farm Equipment at Red Bud, Illinois. There are no dates given for these two projects but it is believed that they took place about 1850 to 1870. He was a Second Lieutenant in the Civil War on the Union side, and he made an effort to obtain a pension because of a disability from his war service. The papers on this are in the possession of his granddaughter, Lillian Cortez, of California. James died in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 2, 1896, of uremia, and was buried in the Holy Ghost Cemetery. He was a carpenter at the time of his death that occupation is listed on his death certificate. He was 59 years at his death.

James and Eliza had:

(4) Edward Elliff, born 1863, died 1921
(4) Agnes Elliff, born 1865, at St. Jacob, Illinois
(4) Bertha Elliff, born 1869
(4) Elfie Telena Elliff, born 1872, at Springfield, Illinois
(4) Aimee Elliff, born 1875, died Nov. 26, 1936, buried Mt. Hope, Belleville, Illinois
(4) Harry Elliff, born 1876, died 1954

There was at least one other child which died in infancy, perhaps two.

4. Edward Elliff

Edward Elliff was born in 1863, location unknown. He married Louise Huber of St. Lous, Missouri. She was the daughter of a shoemaker and her parents came

to America in a sailboat, taking 82 days crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Louise had a brother Adolf, who was crushed to death while driving a loaded lumber wagon. The load of lumber shifted and the wagon overturned, pinning him beneath it. She also had three sisters, Kate, who married a Kulage; Julie, who married a man named Weber, and Rose.

Edward Elliff was a foreman at the Old Bon-Ton Baking Powder factory, he died when the youngest child was only four years old, that was in 1921, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Illinois.

Edward and Louise Elliff had:

(5) Edward Elliff, born 1894 died Jan 26, 1955, born St. Louis, Mo.
(5) William Elliff, born 1895, St. Louis, Missouri
(5) Russell Elliff, born 1897, died Nov. 9, 1951, born in St. Louis and buried in Jefferson Barracks, Missouri
(5) Florence Elliff, born 1899, St. Louis Mo., married Henry Keyenberg, had one child
(6) Mary Helen, born 1921, married Geo. Sankus
(5) Myrtle Elliff, born 1901, St. Louis, Mo., married Tom Enfield
(6) Dorothy, married Wally Klockenbrink
(7) Wally, Jr.
(6) Tom
(6) Helen
(5) Roy Elliff, born 1904, St. Louis, Missorui
(5) Harvey Elliff, born 1917, East St. Louis, Ill., married Floramae Burke in 1938
(6) John, born 1939
(6) Thomas, born 1943
These two boys are the only male descendants of this line of Elliffs.

4. Agnes Elliff

Agnes Elliff was born in St. Jacob, Illinois, in 1865. She married a man named Wicklein and had one child, Charles Wicklein. She was widowed and then remarried, her second husband was Vitale Louviere of Prairie du Rocher. His family was large and very well known in those parts.

Agnes and Vitale Louviere had:

(5) Fields Louviere
(5) Edna Louviere
(5) May Louviere
(5) Tad Louviere
(5) George Louviere
(5) Vitale Louviere
(5) Lottie Louviere
(5) Goldie)these were
(5) Silvia)twin girls
(5) Al Louviere
(5) Lillian Louviere, married a man named Cortez and lives in Calif.

4. Bertha Elliff

Bertha Elliff was born in 1869, location unknown to me. She married a man named Beiter and they had:

(5) Donaius Beiter
(5) Erma Beiter
(5) Adeline Beiter, married man named Mertzke, live in East St. Louis
(5) Arthur Beiter
(5) Al Beiter
(5) Irene Beiter
(5) John Beiter
(5) Marie Beiter

Elfie Telena Elliff

Ella is the name this woman used. Ella was born in Springfield, Illinois, August 21, 1865. She married Selene Mudd in Waterloo, Illinois, in 1884. He was a gunsmith in Ellis Grove, Ill.

They had:

(5) Garrett Mudd
(5) Ollie Mudd
(5) Goldie Mudd, married Schoepple
  (6) Eileen Schoepple, married Edrington
    (7) A girl
    (7) A boy
  (6) Boy, killed in service World War II
(5) Evelyn Mudd
(5) Velma Mudd
(5) Viola Mudd, married Spurgeon. She lives in her parents' old home in Ellis Grove, Illinois

4. Aimee Elliff

Aimee Elliff born in 1875, married Louis Louviere, a nephew to the above mentioned Vitale Louviere. They had:

(5) Hazel Louviere, married a man named Fitzgibbon. She in living in East St. Louis, Illinois
(5) Lula Louviere

4. Harry Elliff

Harry Elliff was born in Red Bud, Illinois, in 1878, the youngest child of James and Eliza Elliff. He married - wife's name is unknown to me as they separated early in their married life.

Harry raised two girls and a boy.

(5) Annabelle Elliff
(5) Grace Elliff
(5) Norris Elliff lives at 7026 Roslyn Drive, St. Louis, Mo.

Harry died in November, 1954, the last of his family

Giles County, Tennessee, 1830 Census

John Elliff - 3 males 5-10
3 males 10-15
1 male 15-20
1 male 20-30
1 male 50-60
2 females 15-20
1 female 40-50

C. H. Elliff - 1male under 5
1male 20-30
1 female under 5
1 female 20-30 (Note: This must be Clement H.)

Giles County, Tennessee 1840 Census

Clem Elliff - 1 male under 5
3 males 5-10
1 male 30-40
1 female under 5
1 female 5-10
1 female 30-40

John Elliff - 2 males 15-20
1 male 20-30
1 male 60-70
1 female 50-60

Thomas B. Elliff - 1 male 20-30
1 female under 5
1 female 15-20

Abram Elliff - 1 male 15-20
1 male 20-30
1 male 60-70
1 female 15-20
1 female 40-50
1 female 70-80

J. P. Elliff - 1 male 5-10
2 males 10-15
1 male 30-40
1 female 5-10
1 female 30-40

Giles County, Tennessee 1850 Census

1337 - Clemens H. Elliff, age 45, born Tenn. farmer
Hannah Elliff, age 48, born North Carolina
Eliza Elliff, age 21, born Tennessee
Josiah Elliff, age 18, born Tennessee
Annanias Elliff, age 16, born Tennessee
Mary Elliff, age 14, born Tennessee
James Elliff, age 12, born Tennessee
Margaret A. Elliff, age 10, born Tennessee

Samuel Elliff, age 8, born Tennessee
John W. Elliff, age 6, born Tennessee
Benjamin F. Elliff, age 2, born Tennessee
Inf. F. Elliff, age 26, born Tennessee, blacksmith
nt Elliff, age 19, born Virginia
t Elliff, age 24, born Tennessee, male
nk E. Elliff, age 18, born Tennessee, female
nk E. Elliff, age 1, born Tennessee, male
Nancy Elliff, age 60, born North Carolina, female
1346 - Constant P. Elliff, age 34, born Tennessee, farmer, Est. $1,000.00
Mary J. Elliff, age 24, born Virginia, female
...land V. Elliff, age 8, born Tennessee
...ston Elliff, age 6, born Tennessee
...Richard Elliff, age 4, born Tennessee
...rak F. Elliff, age 2, born Tennessee

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Giles County, Tennessee 1860 Census

Page No. 133- The Northern Subdivision, Tenn. July 1860
P. O. Lynville, (Pulaski)
929 - C. H. Elliff, age 55, born Tennessee, farmer $400.00 estate
Hannah Elleff, age 58, born North Carolina
Mary Elleff, age 24, born Tennessee
Josiah Elleff, age 28, born Tennesseee
James Elleff, age 21, born Tennessee
Margaret Elleff, age 19, born Tennessee
Samuel Elleff, age 17, born Tennessee
John W. Elleff, age 15, born Tennessee
Benj. F. Elleff, age 12, born Tennessee
Richard T. Elleff, age 10, born Tennessee
1134 - John M. Massey, age 35, born Tennessee, farmer, $900 est.
Louisa Massey, age 30, born Tennessee
Rebecca Massey, age 15, born Tennessee
James M. Massey, age 10, born Tennessee
Parthena Massey, age 7, born Tennessee
William Massey, age 4, born Tennessee
Babe Massey, age 1, born Tennessee
J. S. Elliff, age 19, born Tennessee, farm laborer

Southern Subdivision, June 18, 1860
P. O. Pulaski
106 - Wm. Elliff, age 32, born Tennessee, day laborer $50.00 estate
Mary Elliff, age 34, born Tennessee
Andrew J. Elliff, age 9, born Tennessee

Sarah A. Elliff, age 7, born Tennessee
Mary E. Elliff, age 5, born Tennessee
Eliza J. Elliff, age 2, born Tennessee

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The Shiels and Crockett families of Elk Ridge settled in Giles County, Tennessee, 1808 - 1810

In what was called the Brick Church neighborhood, settled among others, John Elliff.

Genealogy of Thomas Brittain Elliff

Thomas Brittain Elliff, sixth son of John O. Elliff, Sr., (1786) and Annie (Brittain) Elliff was born February 3, 1817, in Giles County, Tennessee, and died about 1895.

Thomas B. married Elizabeth Cardwell February 23, 1839, in Tennessee. Their children:

(1) William (Billie) never married

(1) James Thomas, born May 12, 1845, in McNairy County, Tenn. And died Jan. 31, 1913. His first marriage was to Mary Jane Smith on the 24th of May 1865. Their two children:

(2) Macilla Jane and

(2) George, lived year and 12 days

James Thomas was deacon in Baptist Church. He was a trader and made the first bed-springs in Indian Territory. He was of Welch descent. His ancestors came from Wales about the middle of the 17th century. In the Wales, the name was spelled Elloffee.

James Thomas Elliff's second marriage was to Sarah Jane Boren who was born in Guntown, Miss., Oct. 22, 1857. She was baptized at the age of 16. And married to James T. at the age of 18.

To this union were born ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Elliff moved from Mississippi in the fall of 1886, halted for a time at Hackett, Ark. Afterward moving to Oklahoma. And were at Gowen, Okla., at the time of Mr. Elliff's death. Mrs. Elliff served as Worthy Matron in the order of the Eastern Star. She died April 14, 1932. Their children:

(2) G. W. Elliff born April 1877 and died 1887

(2) Leah Aquilla born Jan. 1, 1879, married W. R. Guthrie. One son is

(3) Noble O. Guthrie, Box 806, Chandler, Oklahoma

(2) Mary Manilla born Feb. 1, 1881. Married Ed. Smith. She died Sept. 2, 1899.

(2) Enoch Troy. Born Feb. 8, 1885. Died Nov. 14, 1898.

(2) Aaron Pinkney Elliff. Born Feb. 12, 1887 at Skully, Okla. He is a Baptist Minister. Aaron married Sue Bishop. One son is

(3) James Thomas of Kansas City

(2) Baby girl born 3, 1888. Lived nine days

(2) Lorena Elliff, born Jan. 29, 1889. Married E.E. Rogers. She died Oct. 24, 1928
(2) Baby boy born March 20, 1891. Lived three days.
(2) Baby boy born Jan. 24, 1893. Died Jan. 29, 1893
(2) Rosa Ann Elliff, July 22, 1894. Died Dec. 7, 1926. She was a Literary teacher with certificate. Also a degree. Rosa married Rev. J. A. Fortner, a Baptist minister who has his A. B. and Th.B. degrees. Their only child Betty Louise died at four years of age.
(2) Noble Clarence Elliff, born Jan. 6, 1896, at Skully, Okla. A licensed steam enginer. Four years evangelist singer. Also Baptist deacon. His first marriage was to Margaret Coffman. They had one daughter named
(3) Ellen Ruth
Noble C.'s second marriage was to Thelma A. Day. To that union came three girls
(3) Mary Laverne, born March 2, 1944
(3) Martha Ann and
(3) Margaret Lee, twins, were born August 30, 1945
(1) Ann lived 23 years. She never married
(1) Joseph P. Elliff, son of Thomas Brittain Elliff born in Giles County, Tennessee, March 31, 1862. He raised ten children. Girls names (2). Cora. Bessie, Etta, Alta, Trula, and Connie. Boys names (2) Cleopus, J.L., Archie, and H. Edgar , who lives at Guntown, Miss. Edgar has three boys. Names are
(2) Charles A.
(2) Jack W.
(2) Bobbie Joe. Also one granddauhter
(3) Joe Ann
(1) Sarah married Willie Horn
(1) Carolyn, married Billie Nafors
(1) Licia
(1) Lizzie Bell
(1) Dan

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